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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Perso	n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Freshpet, Inc.</u> [FRPT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
	VILLINCE 5			X	Director	10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FRESHPET, INC.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/03/2017		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
400 PLAZA DR	IVE, FLOOR 1		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
(Street) SECAUCUS	NJ	07094		Line) X	Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More than Person	0		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11511 4)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	04/03/2017		Α		3,409	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	46,407	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	vative rities ired r osed) . 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares of restricted Common Stock were awarded to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan and vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer at such date.

<u>/s/ Richard A. Kassar, as</u>	
Attorney-in-fact for the	<u>04/0</u>
Reporting Person	

4/05/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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